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Applicant	:	Toshihiro Takeuchi		
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AMENDMENT "B"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20060523)

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated July 10, 2006. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on October 10, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.